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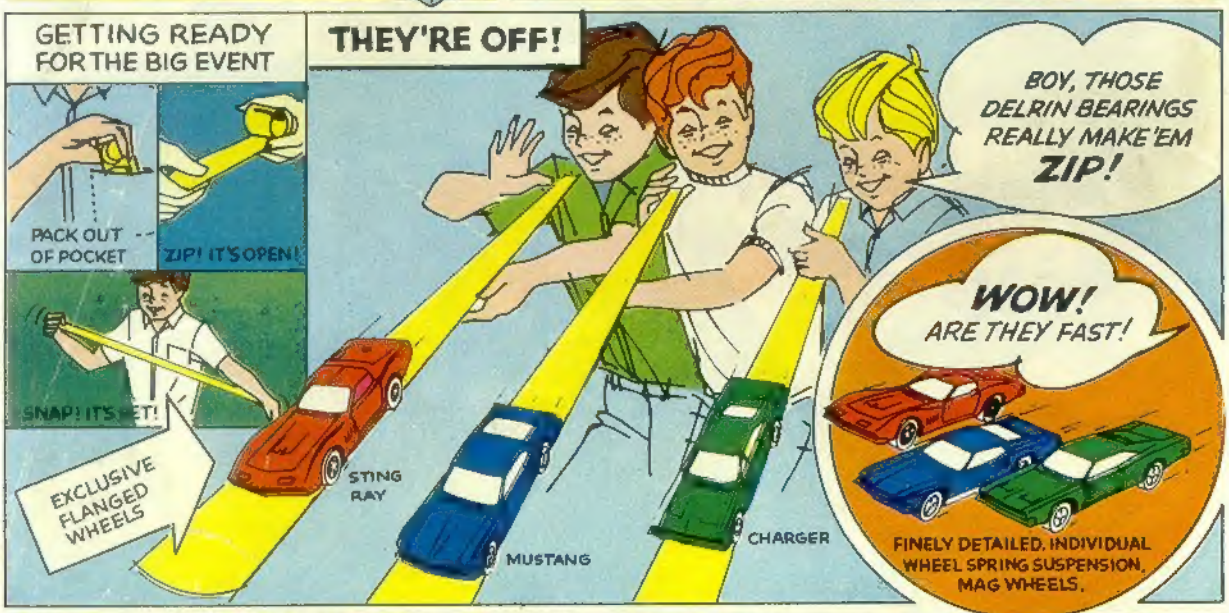

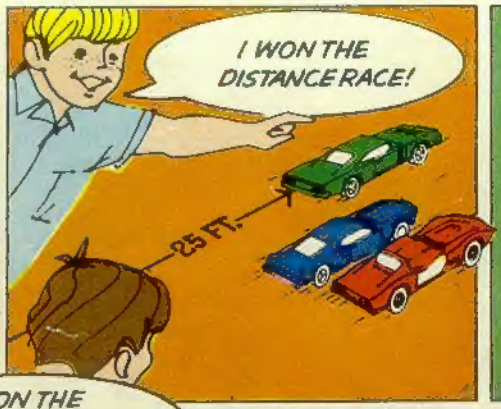

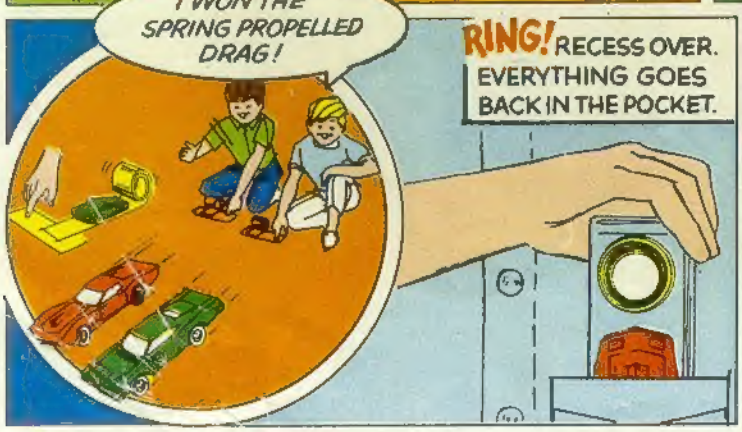

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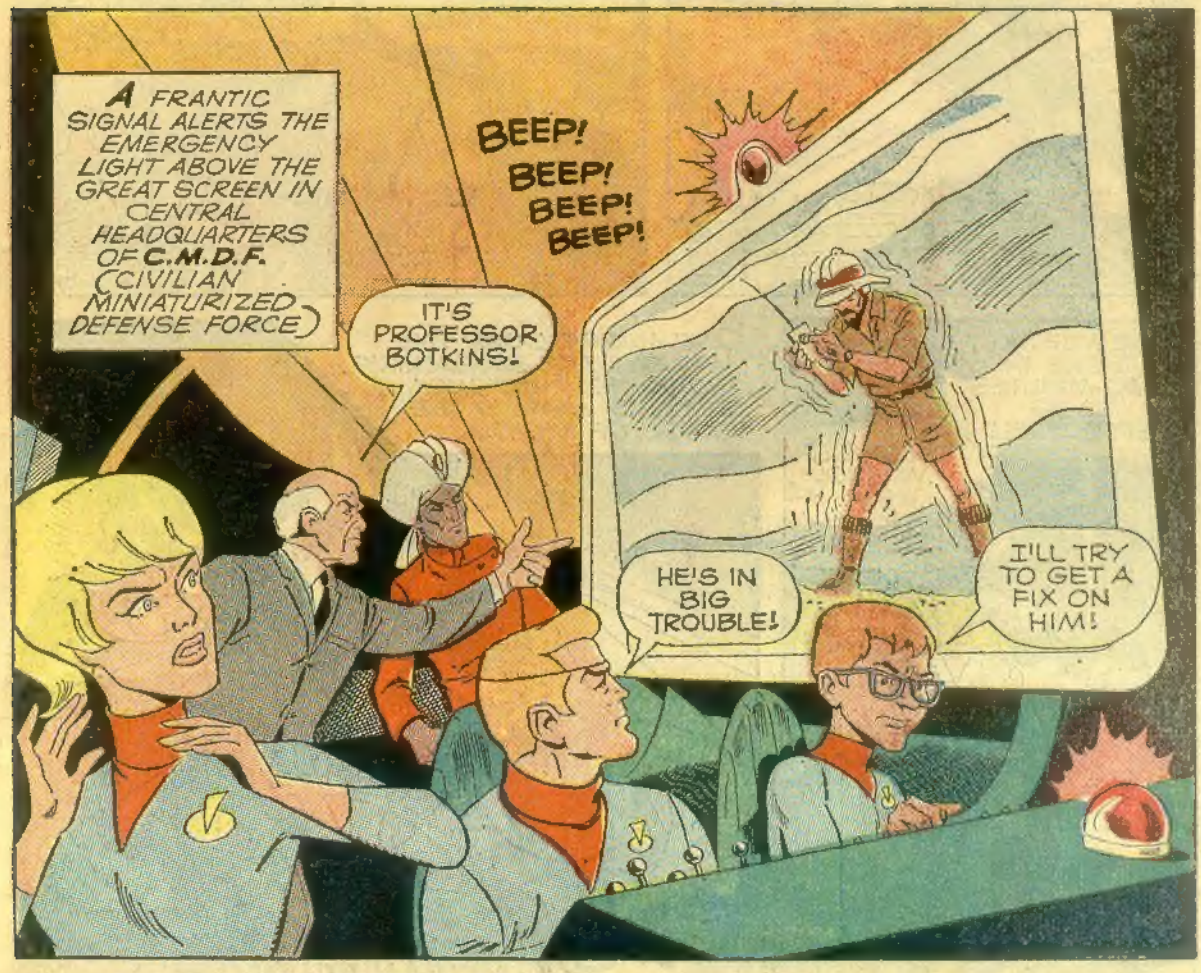
A FRANTIC SIGNAL ALERTS THE EMERGENCY LIGHT ABOVE THE GREAT SCREEN IN CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS OF C.M.D.F. (CIVILIAN MINIATURIZED DEFENSE FORCE)
BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!
IT'S PROFESSOR BOTKINS!
HE'S IN BIG TROUBLE!
I'LL TRY TO GET A FIX ON HIM!

SLOWLY, THE IMAGE WEAVES BACK AND FORTH AND SINKS INTO A PROSTRATE POSITION, AS IF IN SUFFOCATION!
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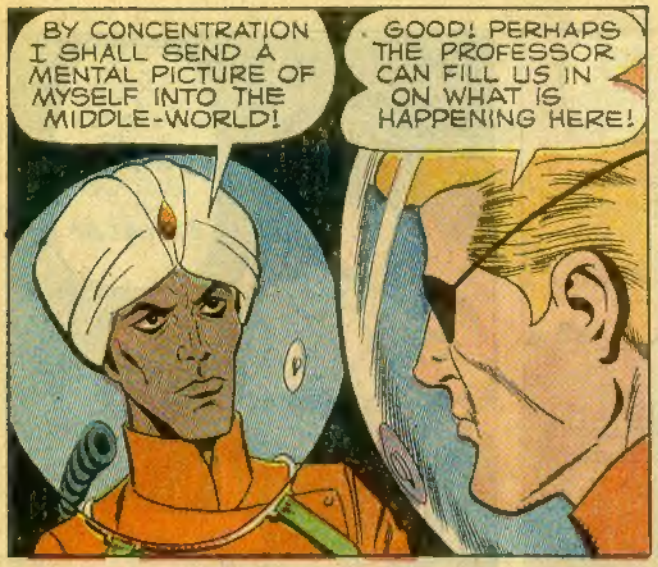
2X... QUADRANT FOUR!
CHECK! WHY, THAT'S ON THE SOUTHERN TIP OF MADAGASCAR!
A RESCUE SQUAD WOULD ARRIVE TOO LATE TO SAVE BOTKINS FROM SUFFOCATING!
ALERT DURHAN AIRPORT TO SEND AN AIR DROP! MEANWHILE, WE WILL PINCH-HIT FOR THEM!
WE MUST GET THERE IN TWO MINUTES TO BE EFFECTIVE!
LET'S GET MOVING! WE'LL TRAVEL BY MICROBEAM!
ONE MINUTE LATER THE MINIATURIZER IS HUMMING... THE VOYAGER QUICKLY SHRINKS BEYOND THE RANGE OF SIGHT...
HUMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM
THERE IS A FLASH OF LIGHT, AND THE TINY SHIP WITH ITS CREW IS ON ITS WAY!
SECONDS LATER IT COMES TO A STOP AMONG CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN PEAKS...
QUARTZ! I NEVER EXPECTED SILICA PARTICLES COULD BE SO BEAUTIFUL!

OPEN THE HATCH, BUSBY, AND LET'S GET MOVING!
RIGHTO, JONATHAN!
YEOW! WE'RE DEPRESSURIZING!
WHOOSH!!
THAT'S STRANGE! IT MUST BE APPROACHING A VACUUM OUTSIDE!
I WONDER HOW THAT COULD BE!
EEK!
I CAN HARDLY BREATHE... IT'S LIKE THE AIR ON TOP OF MOUNT EVEREST!
(COUGH!) WE BETTER GET THE BREATHING GEAR, DR. GURU!
YES! *GASP* HURRY!
DO NOT EXERT YOURSELVES, FRIENDS... FORTUNATELY I CAN CONTROL MY BREATHING!
THERE! BREATHE SLOWLY!
(WHEW!) AH... WHAT A JOY! AIR! SWEET AIR!

I'LL GO LOOK AFTER BUSBY! THEN WE'LL FIND BOTKINS! AND WE HAD BETTER BRING ALONG EXTRA TANKS OF OXYGEN!
BREATHE DEEPLY!
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE AIR PRESSURE IS SO LOW HERE!
THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF STRANGE DISTURBANCES IN THIS AREA! IN FACT, THAT IS WHY PROFESSOR BOTKINS IS HERE!
HE IS INVESTIGATING A MYSTERIOUS BLIGHT THAT'S ATTACKING THE VEGETATION!
THERE HE IS! I HOPE WE HAVE ENOUGH OXYGEN TO REVIVE HIM!
DON'T WORRY! THESE REDUCED CANNISTERS STILL CONTAIN THEIR ORIGINAL VOLUME!

I'LL SEE IF HE'S STILL BREATHING!
NO, BUSBY! YOU'RE SO INFINITESIMAL HIS HEARTBEAT COULD THROW YOU FOR A LOOP!
YIPES! YOU'RE RIGHT!
THUMP!
SUDDENLY A WIND OF HURRICANE PROPORTION SWEEPS THEM IN ITS WAKE LIKE SPECKS OF CHAFF...
WOW! THERE'S STILL ENOUGH ATMOSPHERE FOR HIM TO BREATHE!
SOOOSH!
RIGHT! WE'RE CAUGHT IN HIS INHALATION!
NOW BRACE YOURSELVES FOR THE EXHALATION!
WITH EQUAL FORCE THE RESCUE PARTY IS BLOWN IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION...
SWOOSH!

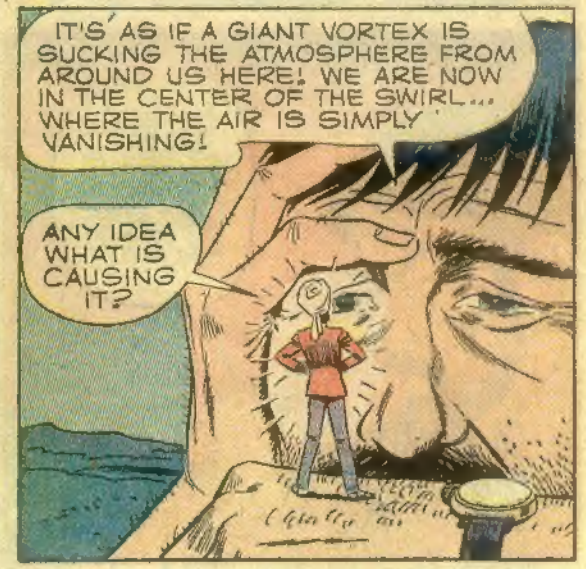
TURN THE VALVES FULL OPEN, EVERYONE!
QUICKLY!
SSSSSSS
NOW LET'S MOVE— HE'S GOING TO INHALE AGAIN!
SSSSSS
SWOOSH!
SOON, THE STRICKEN PROFESSOR SHOWS SIGNS OF REVIVAL...
RUMBLE!
W-WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?
HE'S SITTING UP! OUR OXYGEN TREATMENT DID THE TRICK!
THE RELIEF PLANE SHOULD BE HERE SOON! THE OXYGEN SUPPLY WILL LAST UNTIL THEN!
MEANWHILE, LET US ACQUAINT PROFESSOR BOTKINS OF OUR PRESENCE!
HOW DO WE DO THAT? WE'RE MICROSIZE!


BY CONCENTRATION I SHALL SEND A MENTAL PICTURE OF MYSELF INTO THE MIDDLE-WORLD!
GOOD! PERHAPS THE PROFESSOR CAN FILL US IN ON WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE!

WITH DEEP CONCENTRATION DR. GURU PROJECTS HIS IMAGE THROUGH THE MICROWORLD AND INTO THE RANGE OF HUMAN SENSES!

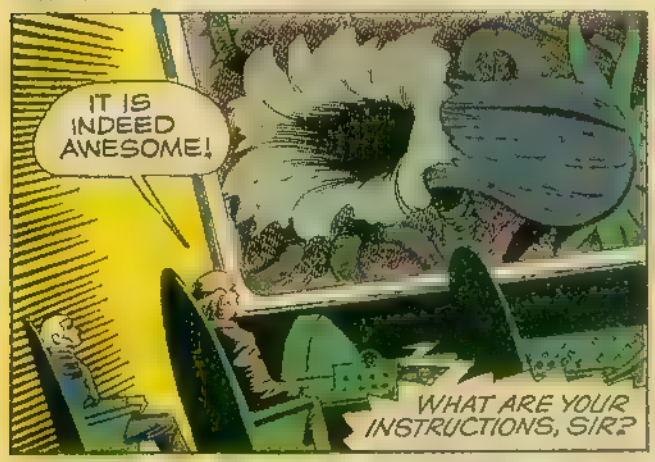
GREETINGS, PROFESSOR! IT IS GOOD TO FIND YOU FARING SO WELL!
DR. GURU! THANK HEAVENS YOU ARRIVED IN TIME!

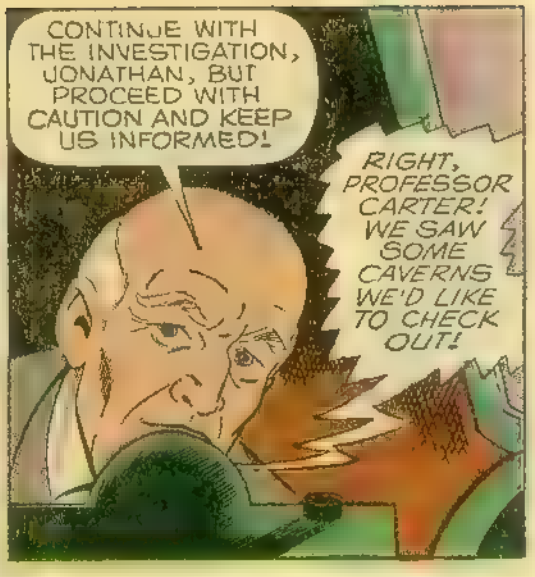
THE VOYAGER WITH FULL CREW IS STANDING BY IN THE MICROWORLD! WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM?
IT IS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS—PERHAPS I NEED THE VOYAGER'S ASSISTANCE!


IT'S AS IF A GIANT VORTEX IS SUCKING THE ATMOSPHERE FROM AROUND US HERE! WE ARE NOW IN THE CENTER OF THE SWIRL... WHERE THE AIR IS SIMPLY VANISHING!
ANY IDEA WHAT IS CAUSING IT?

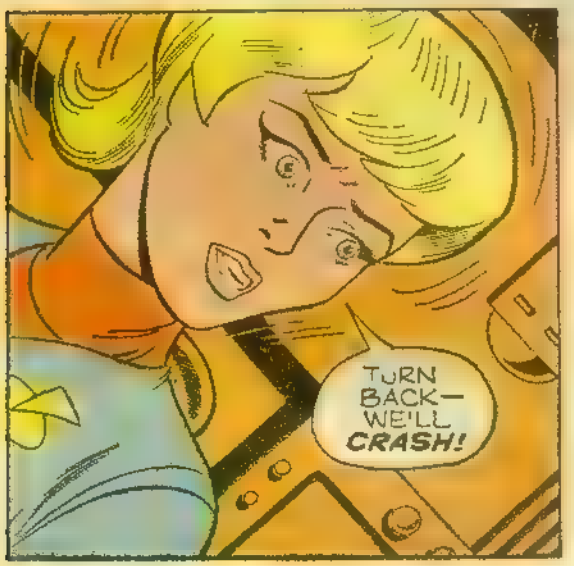
THOSE PLANTS! THEY ARE UNLIKE ANY FLORA IN EXISTENCE! WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE THERE WERE ONLY A FEW PATCHES — NOW THEY EXTEND FOR MILES!
BUT WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH THE ATMOSPHERE?
UNLIKE OTHER PLANTS THEY *INHALE* BUT DO NOT *EXHALE!*
AS THE ATMOSPHERE GETS THINNER THEY EXTEND THEIR BREATHERS AND CONTINUE TO GROW... AND AT AN ALARMING RATE!
I MUST REPORT THIS TO THE MICROSCOPIC DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS AT ONCE, PROFESSOR! I SENSE A GREAT EVIL AT WORK HERE!
DO NOT EXERT YOURSELF! THE RESCUE TEAM WILL BE HERE SHORTLY!
THE SITUATION IS DESPERATE, FRIENDS — I'LL FILL YOU IN ON OUR WAY TO THE VOYAGER!

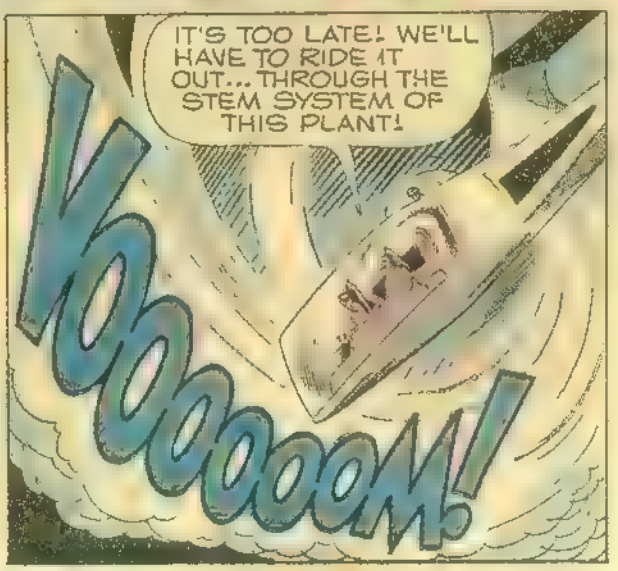
BACK AT C.M.D.F. HEADQUARTERS, THE CHIEF AND HIS STAFF ARE IMPRESSED BY THE VOYAGER CREW'S REPORT AS THEY SCAN THE AREA WITH THEIR MICRO-TRANSMITTER...

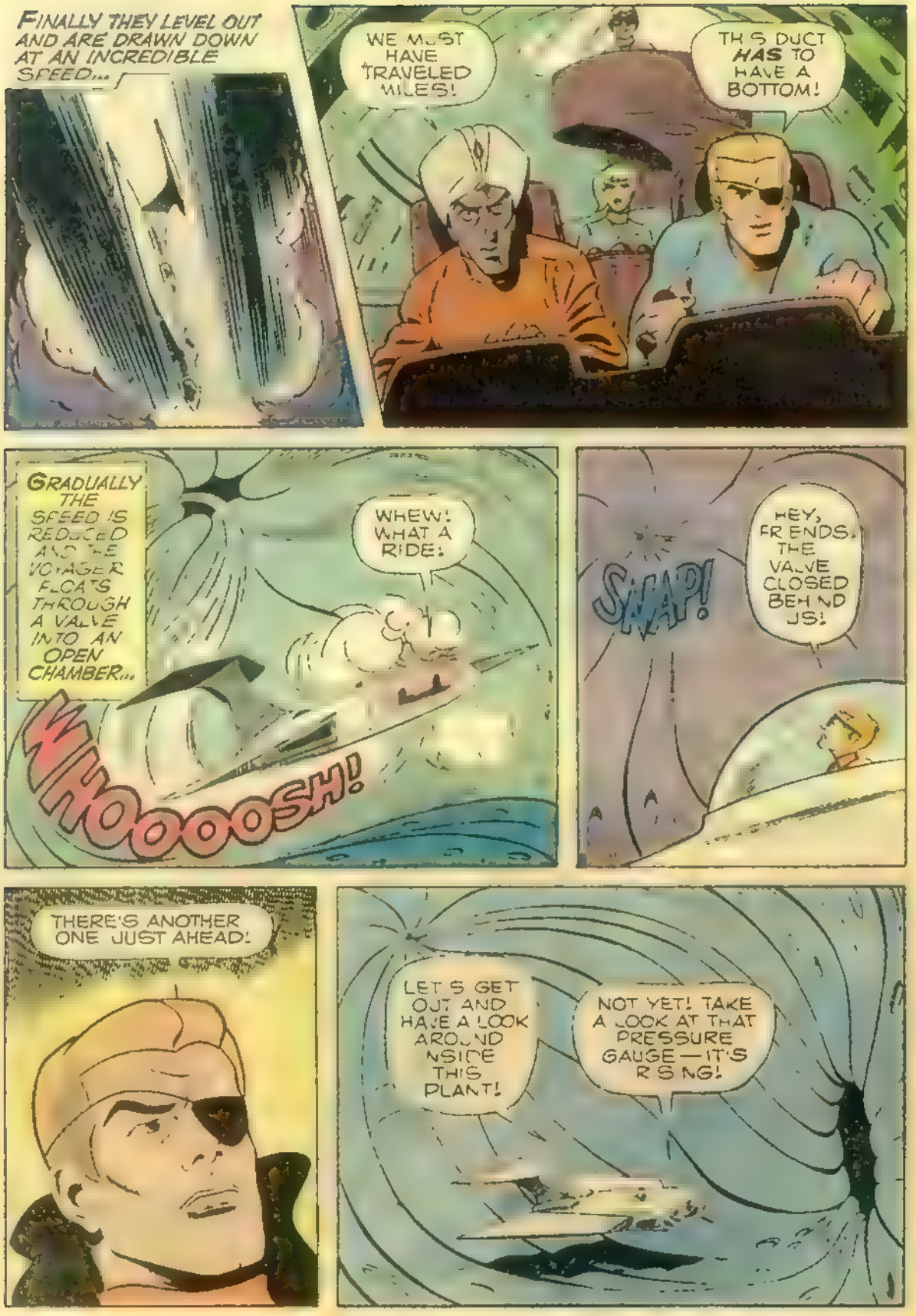


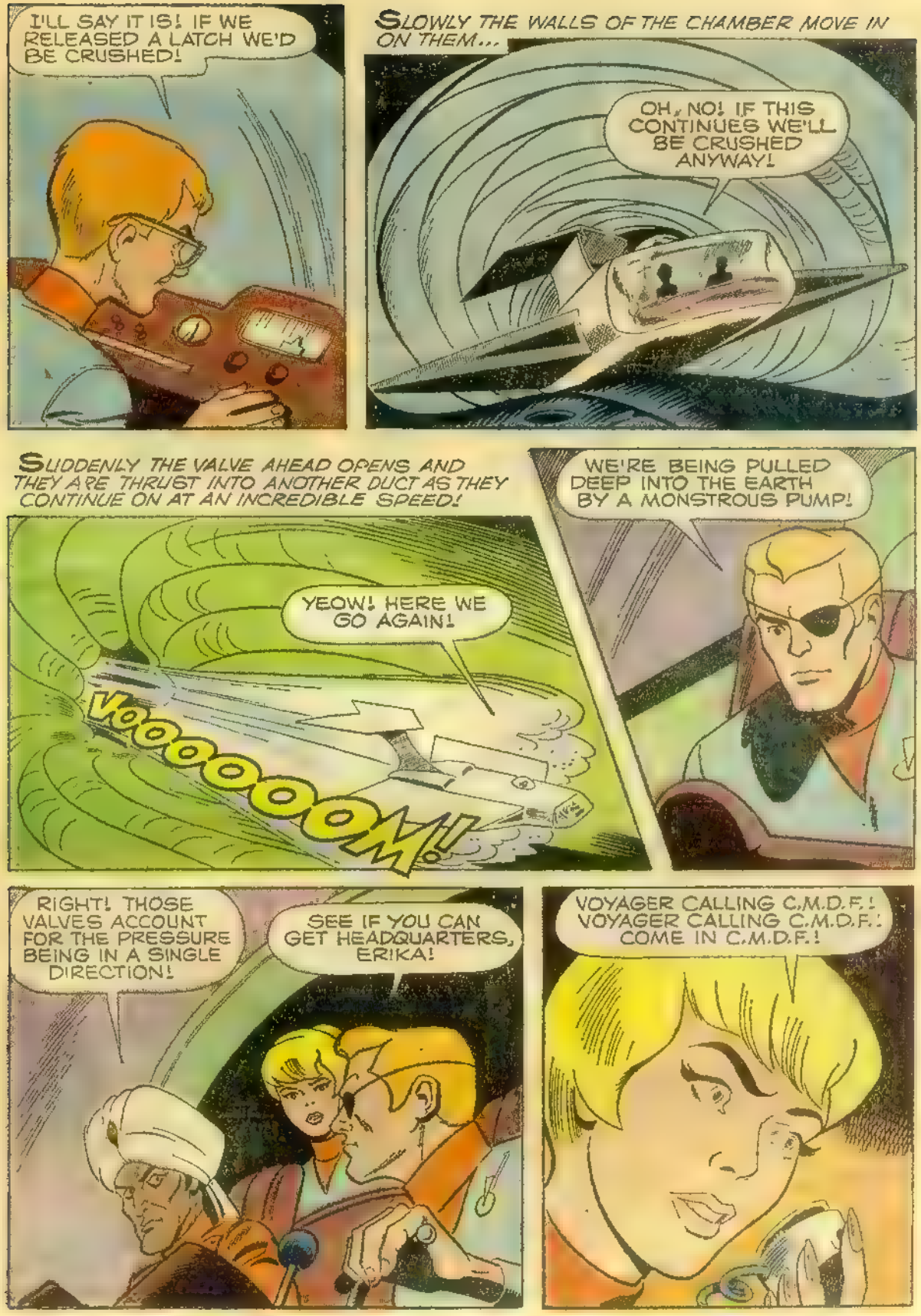

CONTINUE WITH THE INVESTIGATION, JONATHAN, BUT PROCEED WITH CAUTION AND KEEP US INFORMED!
RIGHT, PROFESSOR CARTER! WE SAW SOME CAVERNS WE'D LIKE TO CHECK OUT!

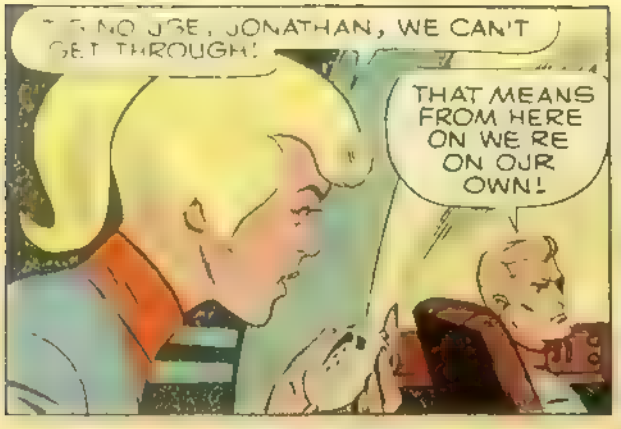
AS THEY APPROACH THE AWESOME CAVERN, ACTUALLY AN OPEN FLOWER OF THE PECULIAR PLANT, THEY ARE PITCHED ABOUT BY A MIGHTY GALE!

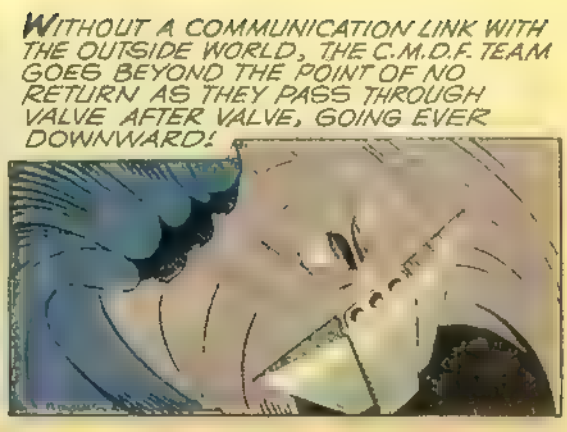




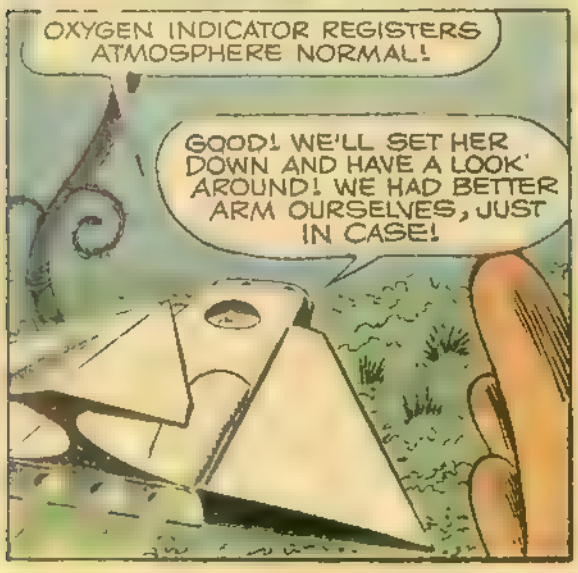

FINALLY THEY LEVEL OUT AND ARE DRAWN DOWN AT AN INCREDIBLE SPEED...
WE MUST HAVE TRAVELED MILES!
THIS DUCT HAS TO HAVE A BOTTOM!
GRADUALLY THE SPEED IS REDUCED AND THE VOYAGER FLOATS THROUGH A VALVE INTO AN OPEN CHAMBER...
WHEW! WHAT A RIDE!
WHOOOOSH!
SNAP!
HEY, FRIENDS. THE VALVE CLOSED BEHIND US!
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE JUST AHEAD!
LET'S GET OUT AND HAVE A LOOK AROUND INSIDE THIS PLANT!
NOT YET! TAKE A LOOK AT THAT PRESSURE GAUGE—IT'S RISING!

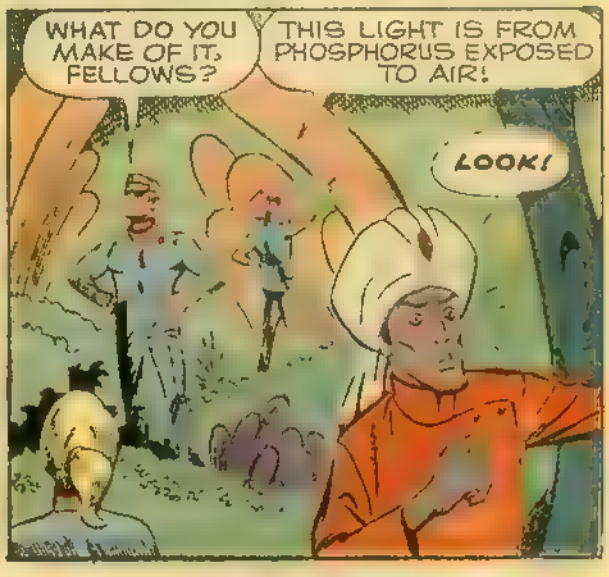

I'LL SAY IT IS! IF WE RELEASED A LATCH WE'D BE CRUSHED!
SLOWLY THE WALLS OF THE CHAMBER MOVE IN ON THEM...
OH, NO! IF THIS CONTINUES WE'LL BE CRUSHED ANYWAY!
SUDDENLY THE VALVE AHEAD OPENS AND THEY ARE THRUST INTO ANOTHER DUCT AS THEY CONTINUE ON AT AN INCREDIBLE SPEED!
YEOW! HERE WE GO AGAIN!
VOOOOOOM!!
WE'RE BEING PULLED DEEP INTO THE EARTH BY A MONSTROUS PUMP!
RIGHT! THOSE VALVES ACCOUNT FOR THE PRESSURE BEING IN A SINGLE DIRECTION!
SEE IF YOU CAN GET HEADQUARTERS, ERIKA!
VOYAGER CALLING C.M.D.F.! VOYAGER CALLING C.M.D.F.! COME IN C.M.D.F.!


...NO USE, JONATHAN, WE CAN'T GET THROUGH!
THAT MEANS FROM HERE ON WE RE ON OUR OWN!


WITHOUT A COMMUNICATION LINK WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD, THE C.M.D.F. TEAM GOES BEYOND THE POINT OF NO RETURN AS THEY PASS THROUGH VALVE AFTER VALVE, GOING EVER DOWNWARD!

PRESENTLY THE VOYAGER PASSES INTO A VAST EXPANSE, LIGHTED BY AN EERIE GLOW!
WOW! IT'S LIKE AN ENCHANTED FOREST!
LET'S DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY, BUSBY!


OXYGEN INDICATOR REGISTERS ATMOSPHERE NORMAL!
GOOD! WE'LL SET HER DOWN AND HAVE A LOOK AROUND! WE HAD BETTER ARM OURSELVES, JUST IN CASE!


WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, FELLOWS?
THIS LIGHT IS FROM PHOSPHORUS EXPOSED TO AIR!
LOOK!

BACTERIA! BY THE THOUSANDS!
QUICK! BACK INTO THE VOYAGER!
HOPE WE CAN MAKE IT!
DON'T MOVE, GURU!
POW!
ZAP!
EEEE!
THERE! YOU'RE LOOSE, ER KA! RUN!
SSSSSST!
HEADS DOWN, EVERYONE. THIS AEROSOL SEEMS TO STOP THEM!
SSSSSST!
SSSSSST!
THERE! THAT SHOULD TEACH US NOT TO SNOOP WHERE WE'RE NOT WANTED!
YOU MEAN...ARE WANTED!
SLAM!

LET'S HOVER UP HERE WHERE IT'S SAFE AND TALK THINGS OVER!
A SPLENDID IDEA, BUSBY!
ZOOP!
ALL RIGHT, WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
FIRST LET'S DETERMINE WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST!
YEAH—VEGETABLE OR ANIMAL, DR. ERIKA?
HERE I FEAR WE HAVE A BIT OF BOTH!
MEANING?
THE BACTERIA IS PRESENT IN ALL ORGANIC MATTER! WHAT BOTHERS ME IS THAT ON THE SURFACE THIS GROWTH HAD THE APPEARANCE OF A GIANT FUNGUS—BUT HERE THE CELL STRUCTURE HAS AN ANIMAL CHARACTERISTIC!
AS THEY TALK, A SILENT MENACE OPENS ABOVE THE VOYAGER...
SUDDENLY...
HEY! WE'RE MOVING!
SLOWLY THE VOYAGER AND ITS OCCUPANTS ARE DRAWN INTO THE QUIVERING MASS ABOVE!
CONTINUED...

Lee Rider in "The Brand Rustlers"
LEE RIDER VISITS HIS UNCLE FRANK'S BIG X RANCH.
YOU LOOK LIKE A REAL COWBOY, LEE.
IT MUST BE MY LEE RIDERS. YOU LOOK WORRIED, UNCLE FRANK.
LOST 20 MORE HEAD OF CATTLE LAST NIGHT
RUSTLERS?
LOOKS LIKE IT. BUT THAT NEW DOUBLE DIAMOND RANCH NEXT DOOR HASN'T BEEN RUSTLED YET.
I THINK I'LL TAKE A LOOK AROUND.
THAT NIGHT LEE "DROPS IN" AT THE DOUBLE DIAMOND
THIS IS STRANGE. BRANDING CATTLE AT NIGHT?
THIS BRAND-ING IRON TELLS THE WHOLE STORY. NOW I KNOW HOW THE B.G X CATTLE ARE BE.NG RUSTLED. BETTER CALL THE SHERIFF.
LATER.
YOU DID IT, LEE. WOULDN'T HAVE CAUGHT THE RUSTLERS W.THOUT YOU.
HOW'D YOU FIGURE IT OUT?
THE BRANDING IRON, UNCLE FRANK. IT ISN'T A DOUBLE DIAMOND. BUT IT WOULD CHANGE A BIG X INTO A DOUBLE DIAMOND.
YOU SURE KNOW YOUR BRANDS
ESPECIALLY THIS BRAND. THE LEE BRAND IS THE BRAND REAL COWBOYS WEAR.
Lee
BOYS! WEAR THE WESTERN PANTS THAT REAL COWBOYS WEAR - LEE RIDERS. THEY'RE TOUGH! THEY'RE CUT RIGHT! THEY HAVE THE GENUINE LEE BRAND ON EVERY PAIR.
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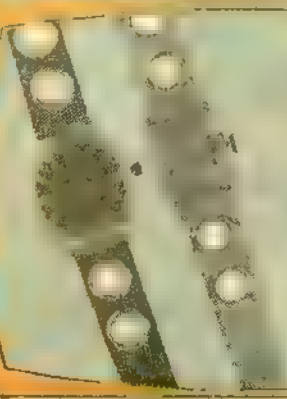

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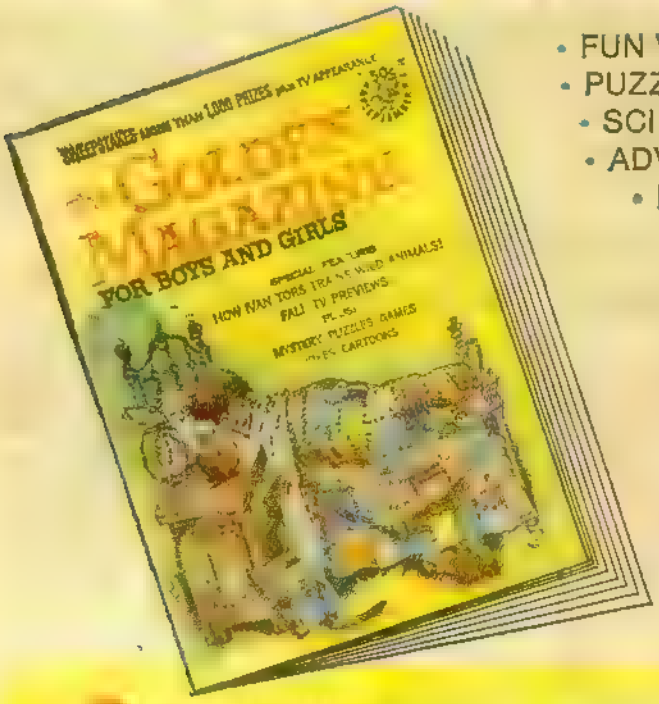

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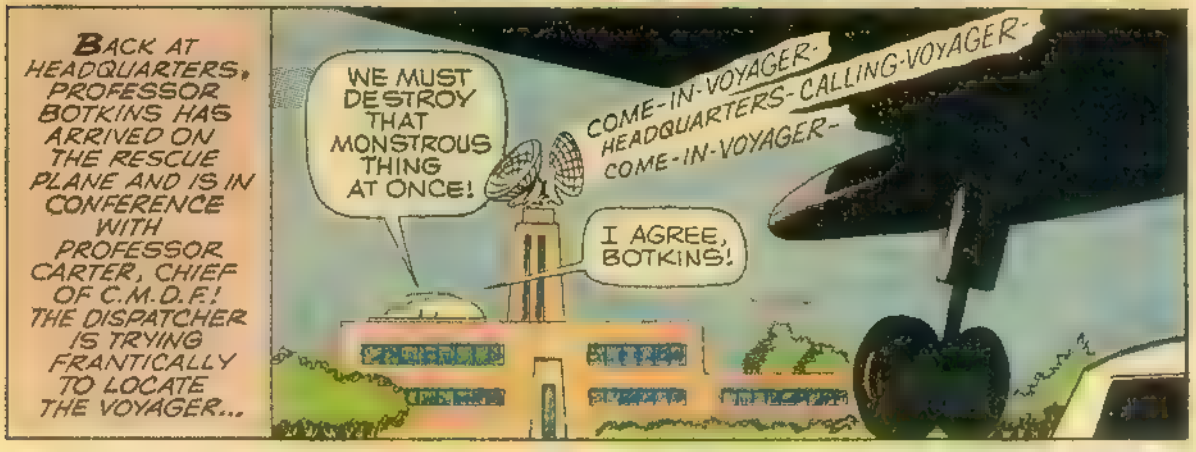
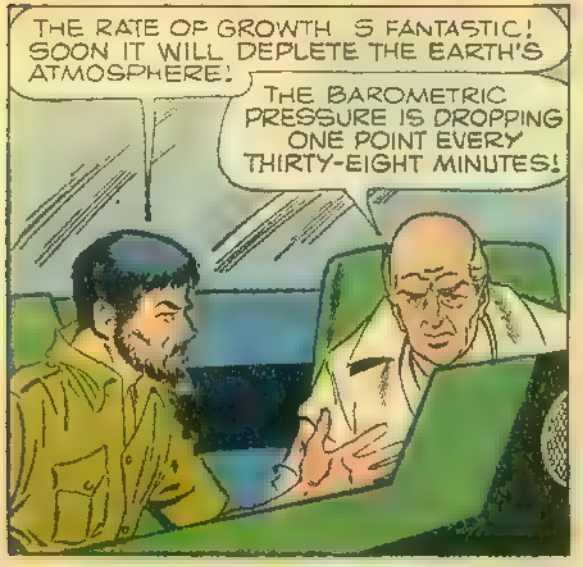
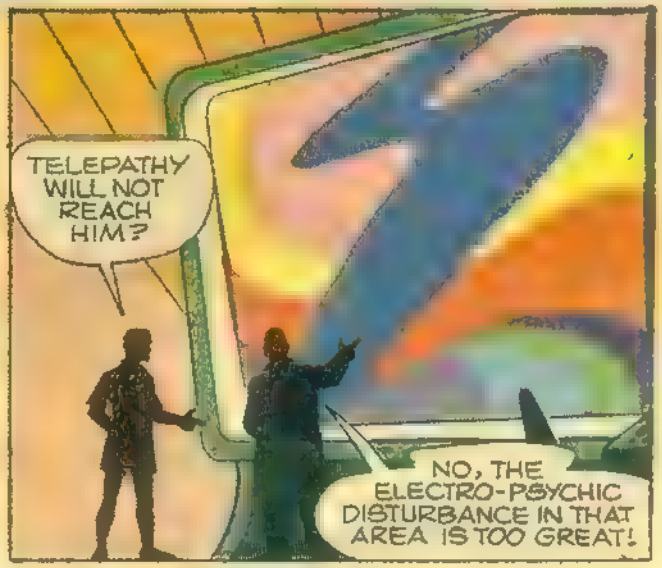
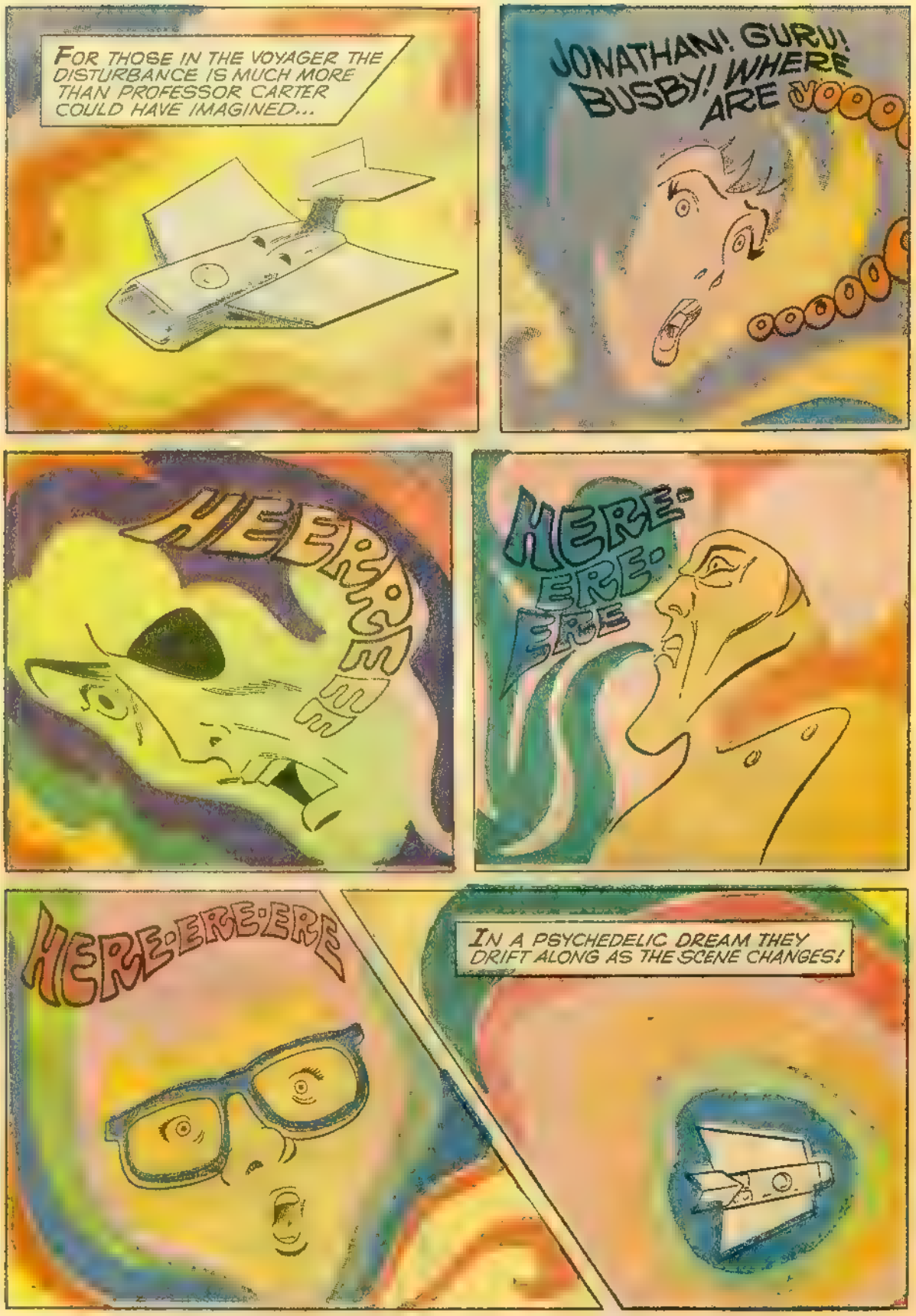

BACK AT HEADQUARTERS, PROFESSOR BOTKINS HAS ARRIVED ON THE RESCUE PLANE AND IS IN CONFERENCE WITH PROFESSOR CARTER, CHIEF OF C.M.D.F! THE DISPATCHER IS TRYING FRANTICALLY TO LOCATE THE VOYAGER...
WE MUST DESTROY THAT MONSTROUS THING AT ONCE!
COME-IN-VOYAGER-HEADQUARTERS-CALLING-VOYAGER-COME-IN-VOYAGER-
I AGREE, BOTKINS!


THE RATE OF GROWTH S FANTASTIC! SOON IT WILL DEPLETE THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE!
THE BAROMETRIC PRESSURE IS DROPPING ONE POINT EVERY THIRTY-EIGHT MINUTES!



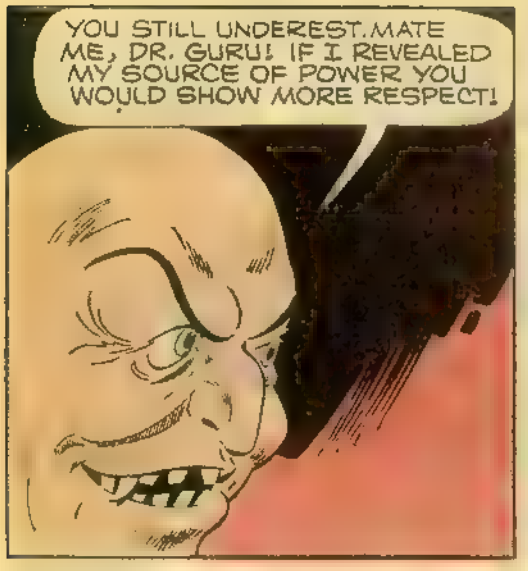

FOR THOSE IN THE VOYAGER THE DISTURBANCE IS MUCH MORE THAN PROFESSOR CARTER COULD HAVE IMAGINED...
JONATHAN! GURU! BUSBY! WHERE ARE YOOOO
HEEERE!!!
HERE-ERE-ERE
HERE-ERE-ERE
IN A PSYCHEDELIC DREAM THEY DRIFT ALONG AS THE SCENE CHANGES!

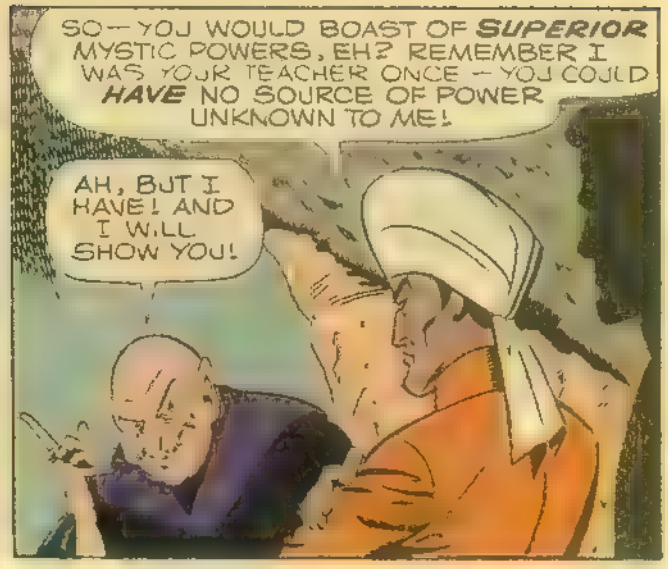
SUDDENLY...
FIRE!
EEE!
RUN, EVERYONE!
STOP! THERE IS NO FIRE!
RUN!
RUN!
OH NO! THEY HAVE FADED AWAY!
THIS IS ALL AN ILLUSION! I-- MUST GET A HOLD ON MYSELF!
HAA-HA-HA-HA-
WHO'S THERE?
WHO ELSE BUT I... THE GREAT ONE!
MEPHISTO!

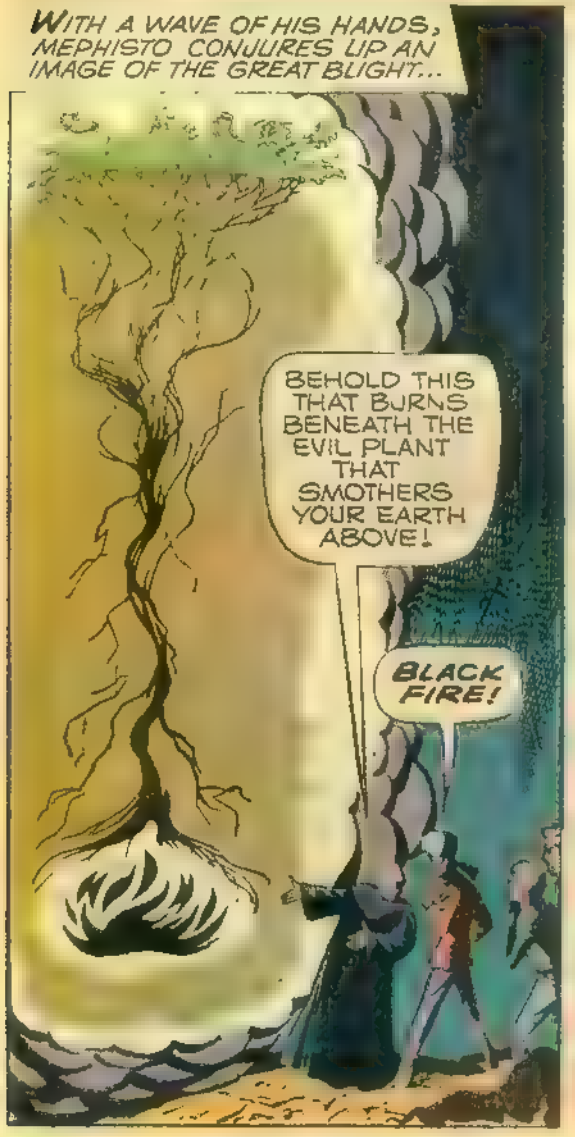
WHAT EVIL SCHEME IS THIS?
YOU WILL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH, BUT FIRST I MUST HAVE MY FUN! HA-HA-HA!
LOOK! HERE COME YOUR FRIENDS BACK!
HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA! THEY'RE NOT REALLY YOUR FRIENDS, DR. GURU!
YOU CANNOT FRIGHTEN ME WITH YOUR PHANTOMS, MEPHISTO!
POOF!
NOW I COMMAND YOU! SHOW ME MY FRIENDS!
VERY WELL, IF YOU INSIST, DR. GURU!

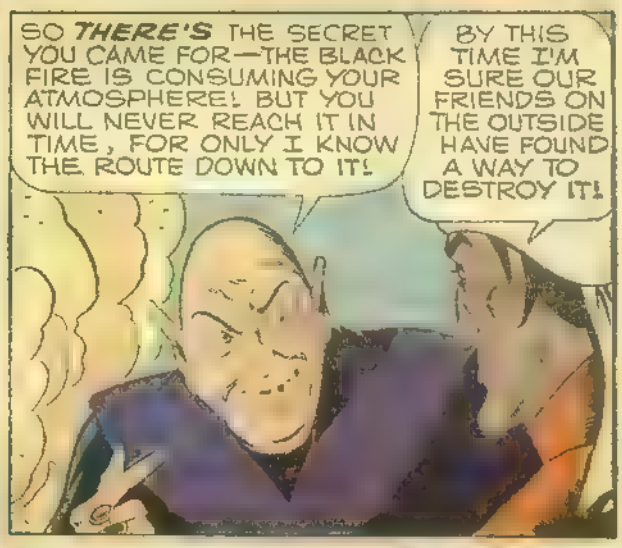
IN A SWIRL OF MIST, DR GURU VIEWS THE IMAGES OF HIS FRIENDS...
OH, NO! THEY'LL BE CONSUMED!
FREE THEM OR I SHALL CALL FORTH THE POWER OF SHIVA!
IT WILL DO YOU NO GOOD!
HERE THE SPIRIT OF EVIL RULES! SOON MY COMMAND OF THE DARK POWERS WILL BE COMPLETE AND ALL THE FORCES OF EARTH WILL BE UNDER MY CONTROL!
ENOUGH OF THIS! AWAY, FOUL SPIRIT!
BLAM!
IN A FLASH THE ILLUSIONS ARE GONE, AND ALL THAT REMAINS IS THE REALITY OF A STRANGE AND OMINOUS PLACE DEEP IN THE EARTH!
JONATHAN! WHERE ARE YOU?
NO ANSWER— BUT THEIR TELEPATHIC WAVES ARE STRONG! I'LL FOLLOW THEM!

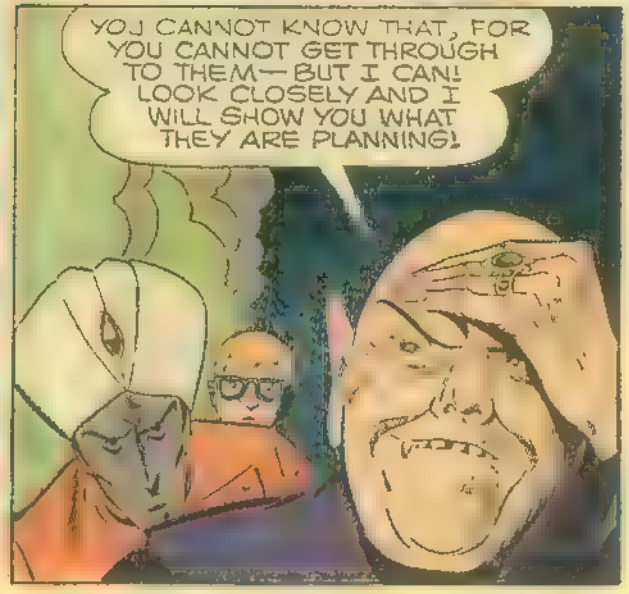
DR. GURU—AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!
YOU BETTER WORK FAST.
THIS IS NO APPARITION! A LASER GUN WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE ON THESE TENTACLES!
ZIT!
SHORTLY...
THAT WAS A MOST EFFECTIVE OPERATION, DR. GURU. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
YES—FILL ME IN ON WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON!
IT WAS MEPHISTO, A FORMER STUDENT OF MINE WHO CHOSE TO FOLLOW THE POWER OF DARKNESS! WITH ILLUSIONS HE LED US INTO THIS TRAP!
SURELY YOU HAD NO DIFFICULTY DEFEATING HIM!
I FEAR MY ADVANTAGE IS ONLY TEMPORARY! MEPHISTO HAS A HIDDEN SOURCE OF POWER TO DRAW UPON!
THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT, DR. GURU! FROM YOU IT IS UNEXPECTED! ONLY THIS TIME I APPEAR MORE YOUR SIZE... FOR PERSONAL REASONS!
YOUR MOTIVES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PERSONAL, MEPHISTO!


YOU STILL UNDEREST.MATE ME, DR. GURU! IF I REVEALED MY SOURCE OF POWER YOU WOULD SHOW MORE RESPECT!
AH

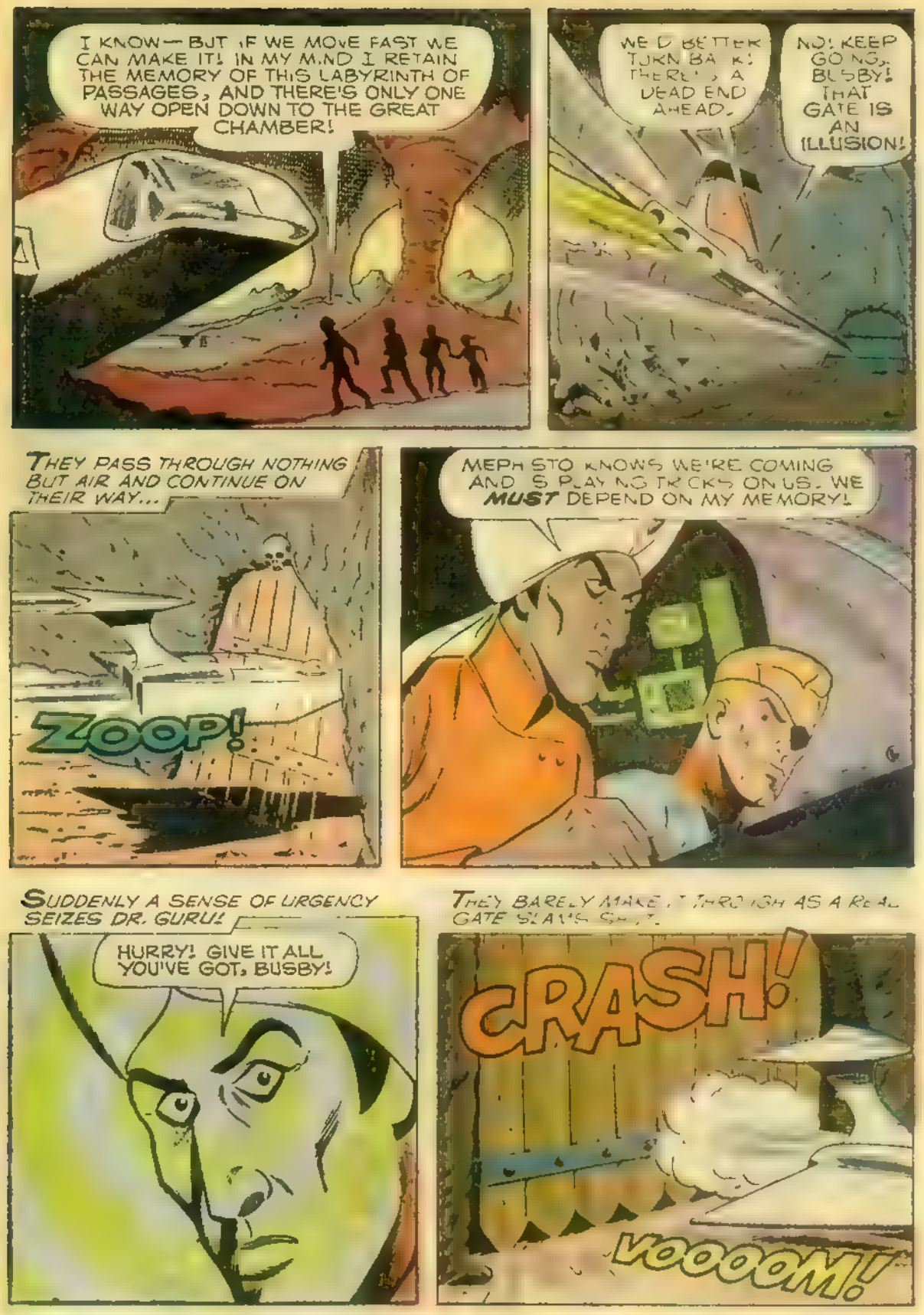

SO—YOU WOULD BOAST OF SUPERIOR MYSTIC POWERS, EH? REMEMBER I WAS YOUR TEACHER ONCE—YOU COULD HAVE NO SOURCE OF POWER UNKNOWN TO ME!
AH, BUT I HAVE! AND I WILL SHOW YOU!


WITH A WAVE OF HIS HANDS, MEPHISTO CONJURES UP AN IMAGE OF THE GREAT BLIGHT...
BEHOLD THIS THAT BURNS BENEATH THE EVIL PLANT THAT SMOTHERS YOUR EARTH ABOVE!
BLACK FIRE!


SO THERE'S THE SECRET YOU CAME FOR—THE BLACK FIRE IS CONSUMING YOUR ATMOSPHERE! BUT YOU WILL NEVER REACH IT IN TIME, FOR ONLY I KNOW THE ROUTE DOWN TO IT!
BY THIS TIME I'M SURE OUR FRIENDS ON THE OUTSIDE HAVE FOUND A WAY TO DESTROY IT!

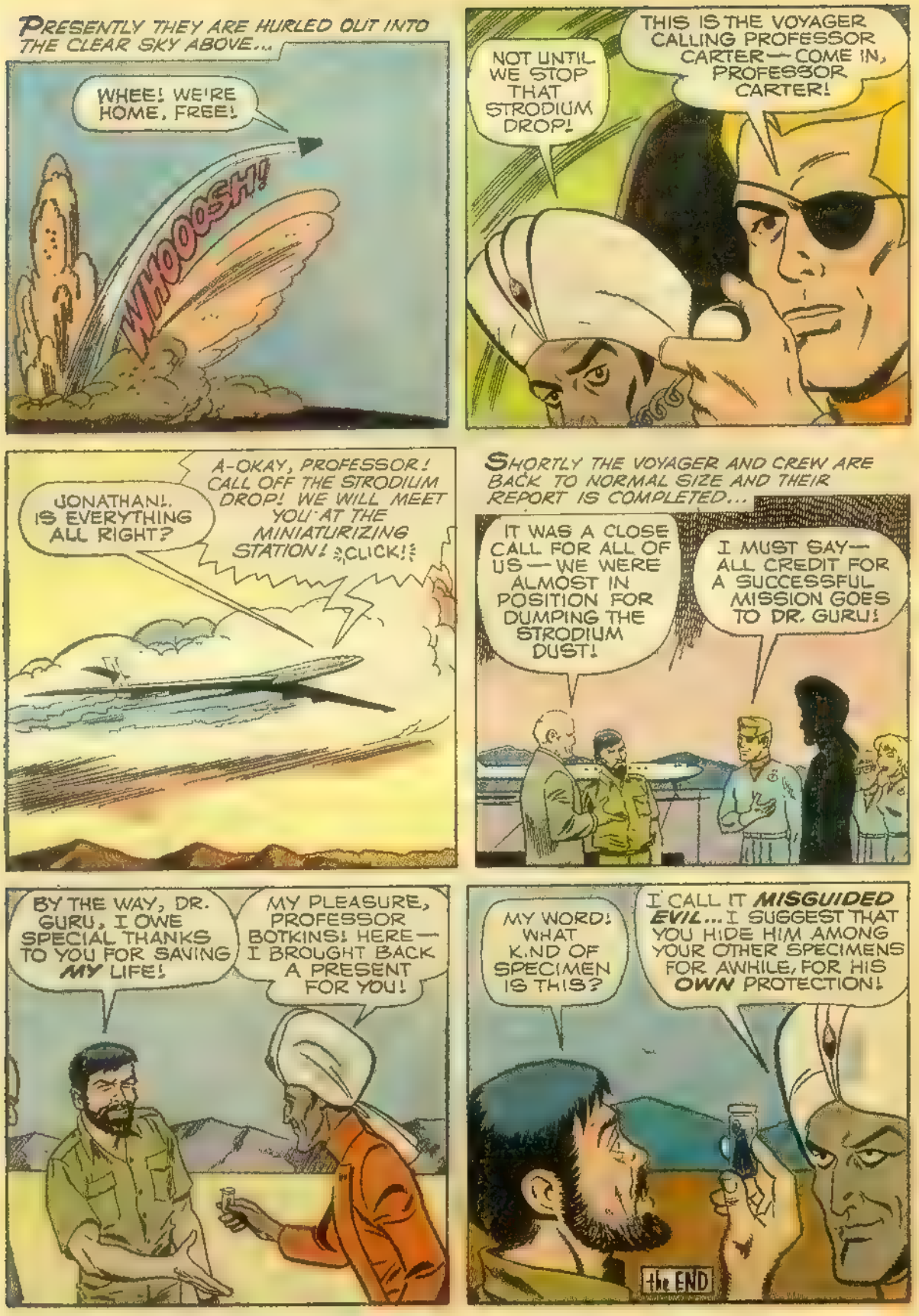

YOU CANNOT KNOW THAT, FOR YOU CANNOT GET THROUGH TO THEM—BUT I CAN! LOOK CLOSELY AND I WILL SHOW YOU WHAT THEY ARE PLANNING!

WE MUST ASSUME THE VOYAGERS ARE DESTROYED! WE MUST PUT OUR PLAN INTO ACTION!
THE STRODIUM DUST IS LOADED ABOARD, PROFESSOR CARTER! LET'S GET UNDER WAY!
I ONLY HOPE SPRAYING THE AREA WITH STRODIUM DOES THE TRICK!
WE MUST DESTROY THAT BLIGHT— AND NOW! BY TOMORROW THE ATMOSPHERE WILL BE GONE!
SEE—THEY'VE GOT BIG PLANS!
SNAP!
STRODIUM DUST IS DEADLY— THE BREATHER DUCTS WILL PUMP IT DOWN INTO THESE ROOTS AND WE'LL ALL BE DEAD! BUT SO WILL YOU!
NOT SO, MY LAD! AS SOON AS THEY PUMP THE STRODIUM IN, I SHALL RELEASE THE VALVES AND ALLOW THE ATMOSPHERE TO RUSH IN THE OTHER DIRECTION— THUS KILLING EVERY LIVING THING AS IT CIRCLES THE GLOBE!
WITH THAT I TAKE MY LEAVE! HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!
YOU...YOU..
EASY, JONATHAN!
Poof!
THE EVIL ONE FELL VICTIM TO MY FLATTERY—TO IMPRESS ME HE SHOWED US THE BLACK FIRE, AND I KNOW HOW TO GET TO IT!
BUT THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME!


I KNOW — BUT IF WE MOVE FAST WE CAN MAKE IT! IN MY MIND I RETAIN THE MEMORY OF THIS LABYRINTH OF PASSAGES, AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OPEN DOWN TO THE GREAT CHAMBER!
WE'D BETTER TURN BACK! THERE'S A DEAD END AHEAD.
NO! KEEP GOING, BUSBY! THAT GATE IS AN ILLUSION!
THEY PASS THROUGH NOTHING BUT AIR AND CONTINUE ON THEIR WAY...
ZOOP!
MEPHISTO KNOWS WE'RE COMING AND IS PLAYING TRICKS ON US. WE MUST DEPEND ON MY MEMORY!
SUDDENLY A SENSE OF URGENCY SEIZES DR. GURU!
HURRY! GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT, BUSBY!
THEY BARELY MAKE IT THROUGH AS A REAL GATE SLAMS SHUT.
CRASH!
VOOOOM!

IN THE DISTANCE THEY ARE GREETED BY AN EERIE LIGHT!
IT'S THE BLACK FIRE!
DOWN HERE, BUSBY! AND BE READY FOR INSTANT TAKE-OFF!
WAIT, DR. GURU! I'LL COME WITH YOU!
WE CAN'T RISK IT, JONATHAN! I MUST DO THIS ALONE!
AS DR. GURU APPROACHES, A FAMILIAR FIGURE SUDDENLY APPEARS FROM THE MIDST OF THE MYSTIC FIRE!
HA! IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT YOU FOUND YOUR WAY HERE, DR. GURU!
THE MISFORTUNE IS YOURS, MEPHISTO!
YOU ARE WRONG, MY GOOD DOCTOR—I SEARCHED YEARS FOR THE SECRET OF THE BLACK FIRE, AND NOW FROM THE PROTECTION OF ITS FLAMES I SHALL DESTROY YOU!
THERE'S ONE LESSON YOU NEVER MASTERED, MEPHISTO! IN AN ULTIMATE CONTEST THE POWERS OF GOOD ARE STRONGER THAN THE POWERS OF EVIL!
CRACK!

AND NOW WE WILL SHRINK YOU DOWN TO SIZE—TO A SIZE SMALLER THAN SMALL!
NO! NO! PLEASE... DON'T!
VOOOOOOOOM!
I ASSURE YOU, MEPHISTO, THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION!
AS YOU KNOW, THE SPIRIT OF DARKNESS IS VERY JEALOUS OF THE SECRET OF THE BLACK FIRE!
POP!
SUDDENLY THERE'S A GREAT ROAR LIKE THE APPROACH OF A MIGHTY HURRICANE!
RRRRRROARR
IT'S BEGINNING! PREPARE FOR BLAST-OFF!
?
CAUGHT IN THE FOREFRONT OF WIND, THEY ARE HURLED UPWARD THROUGH THE AIR DUCTS AS THE VALVES ARE BLASTED OPEN AHEAD OF THEM!
WHAT IS HAPPENING?
ROARRRRR
HAVE NO FEAR! THE EVIL BLIGHT IS WITHERING AND THE TRAPPED AIR IS RUSHING BACK TO THE SURFACE!


PRESENTLY THEY ARE HURLED OUT INTO THE CLEAR SKY ABOVE...
WHEE! WE'RE HOME, FREE!
WHOOSH!
THIS IS THE VOYAGER CALLING PROFESSOR CARTER — COME IN, PROFESSOR CARTER!
NOT UNTIL WE STOP THAT STRODIUM DROP!
JONATHAN!. IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?
A-OKAY, PROFESSOR! CALL OFF THE STRODIUM DROP! WE WILL MEET YOU AT THE MINIATURIZING STATION! CLICK!
SHORTLY THE VOYAGER AND CREW ARE BACK TO NORMAL SIZE AND THEIR REPORT IS COMPLETED...
IT WAS A CLOSE CALL FOR ALL OF US — WE WERE ALMOST IN POSITION FOR DUMPING THE STRODIUM DUST!
I MUST SAY — ALL CREDIT FOR A SUCCESSFUL MISSION GOES TO DR. GURU!
BY THE WAY, DR. GURU, I OWE SPECIAL THANKS TO YOU FOR SAVING MY LIFE!
MY PLEASURE, PROFESSOR BOTKINS! HERE — I BROUGHT BACK A PRESENT FOR YOU!
MY WORD! WHAT KIND OF SPECIMEN IS THIS?
I CALL IT MISGUIDED EVIL... I SUGGEST THAT YOU HIDE HIM AMONG YOUR OTHER SPECIMENS FOR AWHILE, FOR HIS OWN PROTECTION!
the END

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FIRE TECHNOLOGY

From the beginning, fire was early man's most useful tool. Its first technological use was in the working of wood. Poles were made into spears by carefully burning and scraping the tips until a sharp hard point was formed. Fire was also invaluable in the shaping of wooden utensils. Our ancestors learned that once fire had taken hold on a block of wood, the flames could be controlled and directed by blowing through a hollow reed. With this ingenious appliance and the use of a sharp stone or shell to scrape away the charred wood, ancient man could hollow out bowls, dugout canoes and a large variety of wooden furniture.

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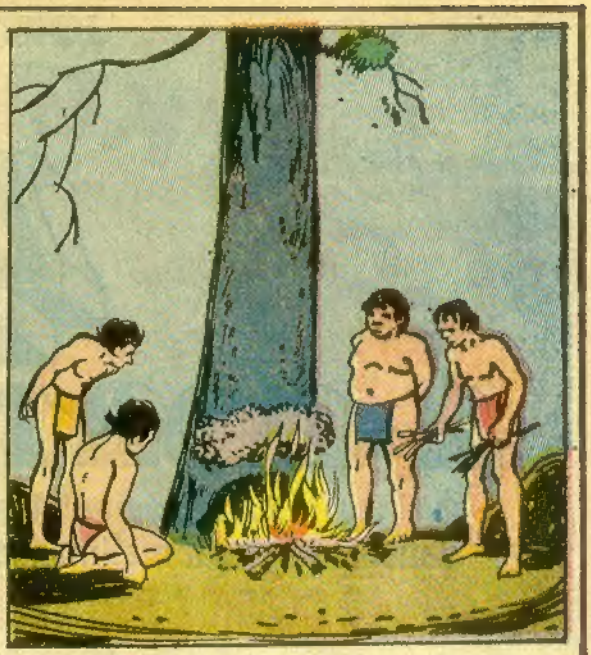
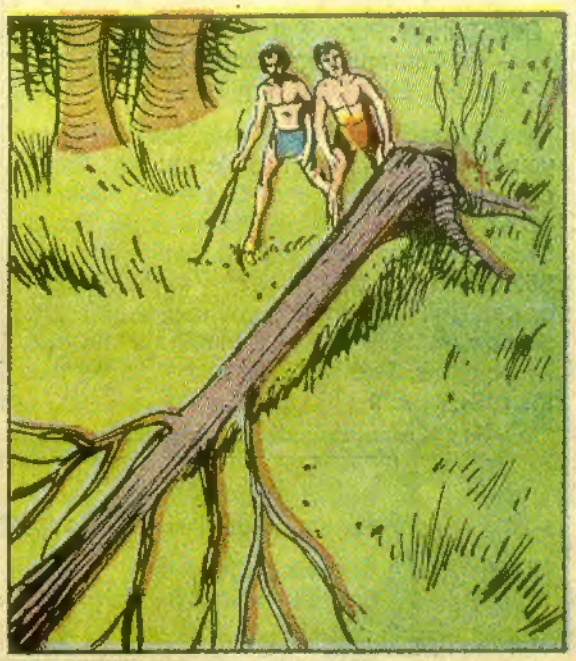


Fire was used to clear land and fell timber. Trees were downed by kindling a fire at the base and scraping away the char. The fire was guided as it ate away at the trunk.



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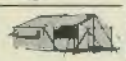

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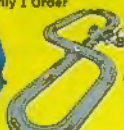

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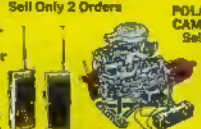

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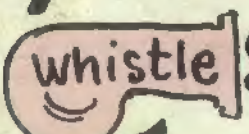
s into 

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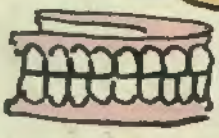
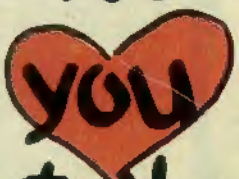
'em and 
'em. It's a sweet treat that 

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